



City of Clovis Public Utilities Department

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Bob Van Wyk
General Manager-Secretary
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
5469 E. Olive Ave.
Fresno CA 93727

**Letter of Support
Local Groundwater Assistance Program Application
"Urban Basin Recharge Improvement and Soil Sampling Project"**

Dear Mr. Van Wyk,

The City of Clovis provides potable and non-potable water to various users within the City and adjacent areas. As part of these responsibilities, the city owns and operates a dedicated groundwater recharge facility and works cooperatively with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) and Fresno Irrigation District to maximize recharge activities at FMFCD facilities in and near the City.

Clovis is supportive of any efforts that have the potential to lessen regional groundwater overdraft and help secure the long-term viability of this important source of domestic water for the City and the region. The City supports FMFCD's proposal to study and improve recharge in Fresno-Clovis area by sampling the underlying soil profiles of several basin sites, making physical modifications to two basin sites that currently have limited recharge capability due to confining soils beneath the basins, and using collected soil data to maximize recharge. We are particularly pleased that two basins within the City were selected to obtain soils data to determine whether future physical improvement would be feasible. To the extent that the project improves recharge capability, the City will allocate sufficient water to support the groundwater recharge improvement.

Sincerely,

Mike Leonardo
City of Clovis, Public Utilities Director